**Marketing of 'Telecommunication Switching Equipment**

1874. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some western investors have requested for information on market potential for telecommunication switching equipment with an eye to set up modern units in Eastern India;

(b) whether Government have supplied the information; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Facility of Post Offices in Haryana**

1875. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Haryana which are without post offices as on the 31st January, 1992; and

(b) what measures have been taken to provide such facility

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of villages in Haryana which are without post offices as on 31st January, 1992 is 4518.

(b) Post Offices in the rural areas are opened on the basis of the norms prescribed with respect to population served, distance covered and income generated. Normally a Post Office serves more than one village or even a cluster of villages depending upon the populations and the geographical spread. There are 2,214 Post Offices in the rural areas of Haryana which cater to the Postal requirement of the entire area. 25 Extra departmental Branch Post Offices have been sanctioned so far during, the current year, in Haryana.

**Telephone facilities in Haryana**

1876. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ"
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Haryana which have been provided with telephone facilities as on the 31st January, 1992;. and

(b) what is the time by when the remaining villages will be provided with this facility?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 1,825 villages.

(b) By 2000 AD progressively subject to availability of resources.

**मद्रास और कलकत्ता के दूरसंचार नेटवर्क के लिये निगम**

1877. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार का मद्रास और कलकत्ता में दूरसंचार नेटवर्क के लिए एक निगम स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यह निगम कब तक काम करना प्रारंभ कर देगा?

**संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू):** (क) से (ग) दूरसंचार विभाग के लिए बहुत ही उपयुक्त ढांचे की सिफारिश करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा गठित उच्चस्तरीय समिति (आत्रेय समिति) की सिफारिशों पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार किया जा रहा है। चूंकि, मद्रास और कलकत्ता टेलीफोन देश के दूरसंचार ढांचे के ही भाग हैं, अतः मद्रास और कलकत्ता निगमों की स्थापना करने के संबंध में कोई निर्णय, समिति की सिफारिशों पर लिए गए निर्णयों के अंग के रूप में ही लिया जाएगा।